

ELIGIBILITY GROUPS SUMMARY-ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY

Eligibility Group	Includes	Federal Requirement	Meets or Exceeds or Optional Program
NURSING HOME/ INSTITUTIONALIZED	Nursing home; extended hospital awaiting nursing home placement; facilities for the mentally ill or retarded	The 2009 nursing home income limit is \$2,022	Exceeds. AL covers institutionalized individuals with income up to 300% of the SSI income level. This option is known as the 300% of SSI rule. Resources are within the SSI resource limit. As required by law, AL covers individuals who establish a Qualifying Income Trust.
SSI-RELATED	Widow/Widower; Disabled Adult Child; Grandfathered Cases; continuous (PICKLE); retroactive SSI; children of SSI mothers	Income guidelines set annually at federal level. 2009 SSI income limits at \$694 for individual and \$1,031 for couple.	Meets minimum federal requirements. AL does not utilize the option to cover optional supplementary payment groups. AL does not utilize the OBRA 86 option for aged and disabled persons with incomes up to 100% of the FPL.
MEDICARE-RELATED	Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries; Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries; Qualifying Income Individuals, and Qualified Disabled Working Individuals	FPL as of 02/2009 QMB-income below 100% FPL (\$923 – individual; \$1,235 - couple); SLMB-income between 100%-120% FPL (\$923.01-\$1,103.00 – individual; \$1,235.01 - \$1,477.00 - couple); QL-1-between 120%-135% (\$1,103.01-\$1,239.00 – individual; \$1,477.01 - \$1,660.00 - couple) QDWI- income under \$1,825.00 – individual; \$2,449.00 – couple	Meets minimum income requirements. However, AL applies less restrictive methodology. Fluctuating income may be averaged for the past six months and projected for 12 months; in-kind support and maintenance is not counted as income; interest and dividend income is not counted in determining eligibility; and all resources are disregarded.
PREGNANT WOMEN AND CHILDREN	Pregnant women and children under the age of 19	Covers children under age 6 and pregnant women with family income below 133% of the FPL; and children age six but under age 19 (6-18) up to 100% of the FPL.	Meets minimum income requirements for pregnant women and children under age 19. Infants born to Medicaid eligible pregnant women have coverage through the first year of life. AL does <u>not</u> utilize option to cover family income up to 185% of the FPL. AL does not impose optional assets/ resource test.
MEDICAID FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES	Low income families with children	Section 1931 of the SSA who meet eligibility requirements in the State's AFDC plan in effect on July 16, 1996.	Meets federal income requirements but is well below the national average. Covers only the poorest of the poor (11.5% of FPL).
OPTIONAL FEDERAL CATEGORIES	Breast and Cervical Cancer Program; State of AL Independent Living (SAIL) waiver; MR waiver; E&D waiver; OBRA waiver; Plan First waiver, Technology Assisted waiver for Adults, HIV/AIDS waiver	AL utilizes option 1915 (c) of the SSA to cover individuals who meet the institutional level of care but desire to remain at home and receive care under the SAIL waiver, MR waiver, E&D waiver, Technology Assisted waiver for Adults, and HIV/AIDS waiver.	The federal optional Breast and Cervical Cancer Option was passed into AL law as a mandated service. The Home and Community Based Waivers are optional services that provide a cost savings to the agency. Otherwise these individuals would be in more costly nursing home settings. The Plan First optional waiver continues to be a cost effective waiver by reducing costs for unplanned pregnancies.
ALL OTHER	Emergency Services for Aliens; Department of Youth Services Children; DHR Foster Children; Adopted Children; Refugees etc.	Title IV-E covers adoption and foster care	AL meets requirements for aliens ER services. AL does not utilize option to cover TB infected individuals. AL utilizes option to cover certain children (state foster children) up to age 21 who meet income and resource requirements for AFDC and have special medical needs. Refugee services are 100% reimbursed by the refugee resettlement program.

